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were as serious, the situation was as serious last year as it is now. Now John Sullivan and the Governor claim that they went forward and carried the mantle in Washington and begged them not to cut the funds off, and that's what happened. Well if they were that good last time, I'm sure with their improved aged and maturity, which has been expressed earlier on this floor, that they would be able to do the same thing again. First of all, we're hearing the same arguments again from the Department of Transportation here in Washington, and the Department of Motor Vehicles here. That's first. Secondly, it is suggested that we are going to lose money. Now the first part of the money loss is easy to figure out. They claim that the first money loss will be 10% of our highway funds. First of all, which I think would be totally illegal and which can be challenged and battled in court. There's no question about that. There's no question that that challenge can be met. The second part of the alleged loss of funds is the \$2 million in highway safety. Now no one has told me if we're getting \$2 million. What are the grants that we've applied for to get the \$2 million? Those funds are distributed on the basis of applications for grants. We haven't applied for them. When that question has been asked over, and over, and over again people have simply responded that it's \$2 million and you better believe us. You've been given no firm figures. All you've been given is a threat. Based on the actions up to this point you have capitulated. If you capitulate on this one, you might as well get used to getting on your knees. You might as well buy some of those patches and go on them because you'll have your knees so rubbed off that they'll be able to recognize us right away as the Nebraska Legislature because we've rubbed our knees out begging for money by passing nonsensical, mandated laws. That's the issue. That's the only issue. You know as well as I know that that shouldn't be done. You know that they are not going to cut the money off. You know that they are trying to threaten you and put you in a position. You know that if you capitulate on this one, there's a whole series coming and 213 is right behind this one. You know it and I know it that it's just going to keep going, going, going, and going. The issue is clear. The issue is, are we going to run it, or is somebody else? Some of you, I think, are giving a pretty shakey vote to somebody else running it. I'd like to share with you my mail and tell you that with the exception of one letter, out of dozens that I have received, one letter suggested that the highway safety bill for helmets was important. The rest was a negative. There is no outcry from the public. There is no outcry from the citizenry for the bill. The only outcry for the bill is from bureaucrats here, and bureaucrats in Washington.

Now I want to talk about that \$2 million alleged dollars safety money. What's it used for? Is it in any way connected with the priorities that the Motor Vehicle Department is sending down here to us? No, not one red cent in highway safety. Most of the money is being